- (i) inserting DNA fragments of obtained from DNA containing the desired gene into a plasmid vector(s) comprising a promoter sequence to control an expression of a desired gene, said promoter sequence being recognized by an RNA polymerase derived from SP6 phage, and a replication origin for increasing a copy number by induction with an exogenous factor, said replication origin comprising lac promoter and RNAII region, wherein said desired gene encodes a protein lethal or harmful to the host;
 - (ii) transforming host cells with said vector(s); and
 - (iii) selecting host cells containing said desired gene.

Please add the following new claims 29-31.

- --29. The method of claim 20, wherein said DNA fragment is obtained by cleaving DNA containing the desired gene with restriction endonuclease.
- 30. The method of claim 20, wherein said DNA fragment is obtained by PCR-based amplification using a DNA containing the desired gene.
- 31. The method of claim 22, wherein said plasmid vector comprises the restriction endonuclease gene but does not contain a corresponding modification enzyme.--